Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours)

1 Definitions
In these rules—

fails to pass a year means a student has failed to pass any course in a given enrolment year;

placement means an activity that gives students practical experience in an authentic work environment in accordance with PPL 3.10.04 Placement in Coursework Programs;

year X means the relevant year of the program, where X equals the year;

pre-2017 student means a student who first enrolled in the program before 1 January 2017.

2 Program requirements
To complete the program, a student must complete 80 units in accordance with the BDSc(Hons) course list.

3 Class of honours
The class of honours is calculated on the basis of the GPA of the results obtained in the first attempt at all graded courses in years 2-5 of the program.

4 Special rules
4.1 First aid and CPR certificate
Before commencing the program, a student must obtain and provide evidence of a current first aid and CPR certificate and thereafter maintain currency for the duration of the program.

4.2 Blue card
Before commencing the program, a student must obtain and provide evidence of a valid blue card and thereafter hold a current blue card for the duration of the program.

4.3 Immunisation schedule
(1) Before commencing the program, a student must complete a schedule of immunisations approved by the executive dean.
(2) The requirement under rule 4.3(1) may be waived only if—
(a) the student provides evidence of his or her status with respect to immunity against blood-borne transmissible viruses or other diseases prescribed in the schedule; or
(b) approved by the executive dean.

4.4 Blood-borne transmissible viruses
(1) Before commencing the program and prior to the start of clinical placement in year 3 and year 5, a student must provide evidence of his or her status with respect to blood-borne transmissible viruses.
(2) A student who has a blood-borne transmissible virus must not undertake invasive procedures.

4.5 Supplementary examinations
(1) The associate dean (academic), after considering advice from the school board of examiners, may award a supplementary examination only to a student who gains a grade of 3.
(2) The associate dean (academic) may award a supplementary examination to a student for up to 8 units in an academic year.

4.6 Continuous enrolment
(1) A student must not enrol for a subsequent year of the program until getting credit for all courses in the preceding year.
Unless approved by the associate dean (academic), a student must undertake the program without interruption.

The associate dean (academic) may require a student who has failed a course or taken a period of interruption, to demonstrate competencies required for undertaking further study in the program by—

(a) undertaking additional preclinical and/or clinical work; and/or
(b) satisfying other requirements, such as passing relevant examinations.

A student who fails to pass 2 years of enrolment within a 3 year period will be refused further enrolment in the program.

Note: A student may appeal a decision of the associate dean (academic) under PPL 3.60.02 Student Grievance Resolution.

4.7 Mode of study
A student must enrol in the program full-time, unless—

(a) the student is required to complete specific courses to meet the requirements of rule 4.6; or
(b) the executive dean gives the student approval to enrol part-time because of ‘special circumstances’.

4.8 Clinical placements
The executive dean may determine at which dental clinical facility or hospital a student will be based for clinical placement.

4.9 Award of the Bachelor of Oral Bioscience
A student who withdraws from the program after completing 48 units, comprising courses listed in years 1-3 of the BDSc(Hons) course list, may be awarded the Bachelor of Oral Bioscience.

5 Concurrent BDSc(Hons) / MPhil Programs
5.1 Enrolment requirements
To enrol concurrently in the BDSc(Hons) and MPhil programs, a student must—

(a) be admitted to the BDSc(Hons) program at this university; and
(b) be qualified for admission to the MPhil program of this university; and
(c) have gained a GPA of 5.5 in years 1-3 of the BDSc(Hons) program without failure or undertaking supplementary assessment; and
(d) satisfy the dean of the graduate school and the head of school that the student is qualified to undertake the program; and
(e) obtain the approval of the dean of the graduate school and the head of school to enrol concurrently in both programs.

5.2 Program requirements
(1) A student must complete the work in the BDSc(Hons) program set by the head of school.
(2) Confirmation of MPhil candidature is subject to the requirements of the university.
(3) Unless a different intention appears in this rule, a student must comply with these program rules and part 4 of the General Award Rules.

6 Transitional
(1) Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Dental Science as at 31 December 2014 may be permitted to enrol in this program.
(2) A pre-2017 student may complete the program under the rules in force on 31 December 2016.